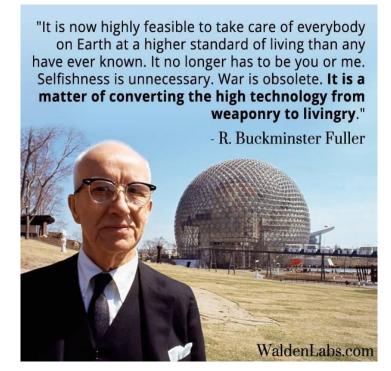
Housing Relief A Common Sense Petition AND

An Introduction to <u>New Technology</u>



There are approximately 7,182,427 *more housing units than are needed* to house the U.S. Population.

"Housing & A Place To Grow" is a Human Right.

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This Is Key:

Definition of HOMESTEAD, Black's Law Dictionary:

"The home place; the place where the home is. It is the home, the house and the adjoining land, where the head of the family dwells; the home farm. The fixed residence of the head of a family, with the land and buildings surrounding the main house. See Oliver v. Snowden, IS Fla. 825, 43 Am. Itep. 33S; In re Allen (Cal.) 16 Pac. 319; McKeough v. MeKeough, 69 Vt. 34, 37 Atl. 275; lioitt v. Webb, 36 N. II. 158; Frazer v. Weld, 177 Mass. 513, 59 N. E. IIS; Lyou v. Hardin, 129 Ala. 643, 29 South.777; Xorris v. Kidd, 28 Ark. 493.
Technically, however, and under the modern homestead laws, a homestead is an artificial estate in land, devised to protect the possession and enjoyment of the owner against the claims of his creditors, by withdrawing the property from execution and forced sale, so long as the land is occupied as a home. Buckingham v. Buckingham, 81Mich. S9, 45 X. W. 504; Campbell v. Moran, 71 Xeb. 615, 99 N. W. 499; lkeu v. Oleniclt, 42 Tex. 19S; Jones v. Britton, 102 N. C. 106. 9 S. E. 554, 4 L. It. A. 178; Thomas v. Fulford, 117 X. C. 667, 23 S. E. 635; Ellinger v. Thomas, 04 Kan. ISO, 07 Pac. 529; Galligherv. Smiley, 28 Xeb. 189, 44 N. W. 187, 20 Am. St. Rep. 319."¹¹

^{1 &}quot;HOMESTEAD" on Black's Law Dictionary, 2nd Edition Online: http://thelawdictionary.org/homestead/

Phase 1

The Homestead Subsidization Act

- Eminent Domain the "18.5 Million Abandoned Properties throughout the U.S."; *Allocate them to "Eco-Wise Homesteaders"*
- Eminent Domain all Rental Spaces; give Title Deeds to the spaces to Tenants via "Buying Out Landlords" (by re-allocating Section 8)
- Orchestrate an "En Masse Homesteading Movement" via Broadcasting "Permaculture <u>and</u> Ethnobotany Skills", & by disseminating *heirloom & native seed* "Homesteading Starter Kits"

Be Aware & <u>Please</u> <u>Care</u>:

Many Civilians are currently suffering &/or traumatized as a direct result of the housing crises coupled with the ecological distresses of our times (foreclosures, houses & apartments burned in wildfires, homeless shelter <u>overloads</u>, incarcerated family members, etc. etc. or (-) homeless persons in destitute circumstances with "nowhere to legally sleep <u>or</u> grow food"— renters coping with obscene now frequent rent hikes pushing families from their homes. Families are behind on their mortgage payments in a <u>slumping</u> economy & are worried for their family's safety that their home will be foreclosed on. Please read the following with an open & loving heart for our human family.

First, A Look <u>Back</u>...

The Original "Homestead Act of 1862"; What Went Wrong

President Abraham Lincoln signed the *Homestead Act* to open what was considered "government-owned land" *(which was <u>actually</u> Native American land)* to small family farmers— *homesteaders*. The act gave "any person" who was the head of a family *160 acres* to try his hand at farming for five years. The individual had to be at least 21 years old, & was required to build a house on the property.

People interested in homesteading first had to file their intentions at the nearest Land Office *(equivalent to the Assessor-Recorder's Office today)*. A brief check for previous ownership claims was made for the plot of land in question, usually described by its survey coordinates. The prospective homesteader paid a filing fee of \$10 to claim the land temporarily, as well as a \$2 commission to the land agent.

With application & receipt in hand, the homesteader then returned to the land to begin the process of building a home & farming the land, *both requirements for "proving up" at the end of five years.* When all requirements had been completed & the homesteader was ready to apply for the Deed, the homesteader found two neighbors or friends willing to vouch for the truth of his or her statements about the land's improvements & sign the "proof" document.

After successful completion of this final form & payment of a \$6 fee, the homesteader received the patent for the land, signed with the name of the current President of the United States.² If a homesteader quit or failed to make a go of farming, his or her land reverted back to the government & was offered to the public again.

The Act was Considered Radical at the Time:

The Act did not define what it *meant* to be the "head of a family"— just the age restriction of twenty-one— making it very egalitarian; it allowed African Americans, persecuted & famine-struck immigrants, & even women a chance to find freedom & success in the West.³

Definition of Egalitarian:

"of, relating to, or believing in the principle that all people are equal & deserve equal rights & opportunities."⁴

² **"The Homestead Act of 1862"**, *National Park Service:* https://www.nps.gov/articles/the-homestead-act.htm

³ **"The Homestead Act of 1862, Dreams and Realities"** by Anna Khomina: http://ushistoryscene.com/article/1862-homestead-act/

⁴ Google Definitions: https://www.google.com/#q=egalitarian+definition

Southern <u>and</u> Northern Merchants *Resisted* Earlier Versions of The Homestead Act

Before the Civil War, similar acts had been proposed in 1852, 1854 and 1859, but were defeated by a powerful southern lobby that feared new territories populated by homesteaders would be allowed into the Union as "free states," thereby giving more power to the abolitionist movement. *In addition*, many in the northern manufacturing industries feared the Homestead Act would draw large numbers of their labor force away & into farming. In 1860, *President James Buchanan* vetoed an earlier homestead bill, succumbing to pressure from southern slave-holding interests.

This Version, However, Had A Loophole That was Abused:

This version of The Act offered *an alternative* to farmers via enabling them to *opt* to *buy* their "160 acre settlements" after only 6 months at the reasonable rate of \$1.25 an acre— *this became abused by merchant speculators*— as many became bought out. Much of the land became purchased by individuals acting as a "front" for land merchant speculators who sought access to the vast untapped mining, timber, & water resources of the West. Speculators would offer to pay individuals cash or a share of profits in return for submitting their Homestead Act claim. By 1900, settlers—*legitimate or otherwise*— had gobbled up 80 million acres of land through the Homestead Act, & very little of the space was kept for homesteading. The act was officially repealed by Congress in 1976.⁵

The Homestead Act Was Devastating To Native Americans

To make way for homesteaders, the federal government forced Native American tribes onto reservations. Lincoln's believed Native Americans should forsake their traditional ways of life & *instead* take up farming. Tribes fought vehemently *to protect their tribal lands from white settlement*. Their effort reached its high-water mark on June 25, 1876 in the Battle of Little Bighorn, where *a combined force* of Sioux, Cheyenne, & Arapaho eradicated Col. George A. Custer's Seventh U.S. Cavalry regiment. But their success proved short-lived, & they soon found themselves under the control of the federal government's Bureau of Indian Affairs, & subject to a coordinated campaign to Americanize Indian children in white-run schools.

^{5 &}quot;Abraham Lincoln Signs *The Homestead Act*": http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/lincoln-signs-homestead-act

Preliminary Analysis:

How many people are there?

318.9 million people currently live in the U.S.⁶, *including 81 million families* (averaging 3.13 family members per family)⁷ & ~50,790,000 single adults, couples, orphaned children, etc. ("others").

Initial Assessment: 81 million (families) + 50,790,00 (other) = approximately 131,790,000 living spaces are required to house <u>all</u> families <u>and</u> all others.

How Many Houses Are There?

There are 73,991,995 owner-occupied households, containing 200,617,048 residents.⁸

Initial Re-Assessment: 131,790,000 (total living spaces needed) <u>minus</u> 73,991,995 (owner-occupied households) = 57,798,005 living spaces <u>needed</u>.

There are approximately 18.5 million abandoned properties⁹. "A vacant property becomes a problem when the property owner abandons the basic responsibilities of ownership, such as routine maintenance or mortgage and property tax payments."¹⁰

Crisis Situation:

- Since 2007, banks have foreclosed around eight million homes, averaging 10,000 per month! It is estimated that another eight to ten million homes will be foreclosed before the financial crisis is over.
- **3.5 million people in the U.S. are homeless** (1.35 million & 2.15 million adults¹¹ including 49,933 veterans¹²).
- 2,220,300 adults were incarcerated in US federal & state prisons, & *county jails* in 2013.

Debunking the "there's just too many people" myth:

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, "There are over 3.5 million miles

⁶ United States Census Bureau, QuickFacts: https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045215/00

^{7 &}quot;The Statistics Portal": http://www.statista.com/statistics/183659/number-of-families-in-the-us/

⁸ National Multifamily Housing Council, "Quick Facts: Resident Demographics": http://www.nmhc.org/Content.aspx?id=4708#Rent_and_Own

⁹ Amnesty International, U.S.A., "Housing- Its A Wonderful Right" by TANUKA LOHA: http://blog.amnestyusa.org/us/housing-its-a-wonderful-right/

¹⁰ Office of Policy Development and Research ("PD&R") of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"): https://www.huduser.gov/portal/periodicals/em/winter14/highlight1.html

of rivers and streams in the U.S., covering an enormous and diverse landscape."¹³

3.5 million miles converts to 2,240,000,000 acres alongside <u>each</u>river bank.¹⁴. Because there are <u>two</u> river banks, "there are over 4,480,000,000 acres of land in total along America's riversides".

4,480,000,000 (acres) minus 81,000,000 (families in the United States) = 399,000,000 acres left over as wilderness if we were to (hypothetically) "give one acre of land, along a waterway, to every family in the U.S.". 4,480,000,000 divided by 81,000,000 = 55.3.

Therefore:

There would be approximately 54.3 acres of wilderness left <u>in between each</u> family's homestead among such scenario- & that's just along the major waterways! *Everything else would be open space!*



President Franklin D. Roosevelt thought every American should own an acre of land so that they could be self-sustaining in case of catastrophe.

SOURCE: "G&G Interview: Olivia de Havilland"15

To Be Clear:

Our organizations' <u>plan</u> is <u>not</u> to give "an acre of land to every family along a major waterway", <u>however</u> we did need to address what has turned out to be a <u>population myth</u>. We have a sustainable population so long as people choose to have 2-

¹¹ National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, 2014: https://www.dexchange.info/resources/documents/2012AHAR_PITestimates.pdfw.h

¹² National Alliance to End Homelessness, "Fact Sheet: Veteran Homelessness": http://www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/fact-sheet-veteran-homelessness

¹³ EPA website, "*Rivers & Streams*": https://archive.epa.gov/water/archive/web/html/index-17.html

¹⁴ Google Convert, "Miles to Acres": https://www.google.com/#q=miles+to+acres

¹⁵ Full interview: http://gardenandgun.com/article/gg-interview-olivia-de-havilland

3 children per couple & so long as we manage resources wisely.

Photo from "Family Grows 6000 Pounds of Food on 1/10 Acre Urban Homestead"



Read the full article *HERE:* http://tinyhousetalk.com/familygrows-6000-lbs-of-food-on-110th-acre-urbanfarm/#LVcpceSpWeIfE7KS.99

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." -Audrey Hepburn

The Homestead Subsidization Act; Part 1

"What To Do With America's 18.5 Million Abandoned Houses"



There are 18,600,000 vacant homes in the United States. That's enough for every homeless person to have six.

Summary:

- Eminent Domain America's 18.5 Million Physically Abandoned & Neglected Properties
- Constitute a National *Uniform Procedure* for filing an *Adverse Possession Claim* upon such properties for the purpose of "Eco-Wise Homesteading"
- Provide Homesteaders with Heirloom & Native Seed *"Homesteading Starter Kits"* which come *with instructions*
- Subsidize the cost of Basic Improvements for Low-Income persons electrical, plumbing, foundation, etc.
- After 5 years of *Making Improvements*, Cultivating the Land, & *Paying Property Taxes*, Issue a *Title Deed* to Claimants

The Homestead Subsidization Act authorizes Eminent Domain¹⁶ for use on:

all properties wherein no persons have resided for 2 or more years, & no persons have maintained routine upkeep during that time *whereby causing* a potential community hazard (*wildfire*, *mold*, *etc.*) &/or hazard to the structure(s) *on the property* &/or to surrounding properties *if* left to face further neglect.

Purpose:

To make "the process of making a lawful *adverse possession claim* upon a physically abandoned & neglected property"¹⁷ a safe & simple process, & to administer *uniformity in filing procedures* throughout the States, Nation, & Local Governments. To prevent neglected properties from becoming community hazards. To provide housing to persons seeking to exercise their right to to homestead, & to "fix the nation's *crumbling* domestic infrastructure" in a way which stabilizes & improves local food supplies. To provide "housing & a place to grow" as an unalienable human right, & to allocate resources needed to all people to live mortgage & rent-free lives in a way that benefits <u>all</u> people more than *the current paradigm* is benefiting <u>anyone</u>. To empower people with <u>actual freedom</u>.

How to Claim an Abandoned Property:

Upon request, individuals may receive a "Declaration of Claim of Adverse Possession" Form from any Assessor's Office or through the State Assessor-Recorder's website. Adverse Possession in California is governed under the CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SEC. 315-330¹⁸ (from which The (National) Homestead Subsidization Act is modeled). The form may be filed at any Assessor's Office or online, & a Certified (stamped, signed by Assessor Clerk) copy will then be returned to the Claimant at that time. A Certified Copy of that claim must then be promptly sent by the Assessor to address the State has on file for the Title Holder to provide sufficient time for them to Evict the Claimant ("30 Day Notice") or to file a Claim for Compensation for Property Loss to receive just compensation under Eminent Domain (5 years to file).

^{16 &}quot;The taking of private property for publicly-beneficial purposes": http://thelawdictionary.org/eminentdomain/

^{17 &}quot;New American Dream; *How to Lawfully Claim A Physically Abandoned & Neglected Property for the Purpose of Homesteading* by Alex Wilson: http://www.wildwillpower.org/books/new-american-dreamhow-to-lawfully-claim-an-abandoned-house-for-the-purpose-of-homesteading

¹⁸ Official California Legislative Information, CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE sections 315-330: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=ccp&group=00001-01000&file=315-330

When Filing, A Claimant Attests That:

1. The property they're filing appears to have remained Physically Abandoned <u>and</u> Neglected for more than 2 years, & the property will continue to impose an environmental hazard if left neglected.

2. The Claimant is moving onto <u>or</u> has moved onto the property with intent to a.) make improvements on the property, b.) cultivate the land to grow a sufficient food supply, c.) pay property taxes in a timely manner d.) uphold all rights & responsibilities of a title holder.

3. They are now in lawful possession of the property, with intent to fulfill *the above requirements* for perfecting a lawful Adverse Possession Claim.

Creating a Practical *Uniform Procedure* Which Ensures "Equal Protection of The Laws" to Claimants *and* Title Holders:

Under The Homestead Subsidization Act, *upon filing*, an injunction is automatically applied to protect the Claimant's estate, thus indicating to authorities *why* the Claimant *is* living on, & *how* they are in lawful possession of the property. The *property tax bill* will now be sent to the *Claimant* instead of to the Title Holder.

Definition of Injunction:

"an order from a court of law that says something must be done or must not be done"¹⁹

Notice

Although "making an adverse possession claim" *is* on the books in all 50 States, local customs including *prejudice* have been used in recent years to violate the rights & safety of adverse possession claimants; The Homestead Subsidization Act seeks to mitigate such injustices *and* to extend "equal protection of the laws" (14th Amendment) to all persons through applying the "automatic injunction" which occurs via the Claimants initial filing.

¹⁹ INJUNCTION on Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary: http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/injunction

Subsidize Basic Improvements for Low Income Persons

May present the Certified Copy of their Declaration of Claim of Adverse Possession to their *Case Worker* at the Human Resources Department²⁰ to indicate they're "opting to homestead". In such cases, vouchers are to be allocated to Claimants for use in covering costs of basic improvements *electrical, plumbing, foundation work, & other essentials required to* "bring the building up to code".

Solar panels & other sustainability measures are *also* to be subsidized to aid Claimants via switching subsidies from natural gas, oil, & other forms of extractive industries over a period of time (*asap*) until "energy independence" throughout Towns, Cities, & The Nation is achieved.

Contesting A Claim; for Title Holders:

Under The Homestead Subsidization Act, Title Holders have six months to perform a Lawful Eviction ("30 Day Notice") with the Claimant. Following such Eviction, the Title Holder must then provide evidence of such Eviction to the County Assessor-Recorder. If a Title Holder provides evidence they were unable to Evict the Claimant within the 6 month time limit (hospitalization), they may instead have up to one year to perform such Eviction. When a Declaration of Claim of Adverse Possession is filed, a Title Holder has up to five years to file a "Claim for Compensation for Property Loss" (Tort) with the State Assessor in order to be financially compensated for any immovable property loss (buildings & land, <u>not</u> "movable property" such as furniture, etc.) caused by The Homestead Subsidization Act. Such Claim/Tort may be requested from any Assessor's Office <u>or</u> through the State Assessor-Recorder's website.²¹

All Properties Filed in This Manner Are Legal Homesteads

And thus are protected from executions of foreclosure & forced sale so long as they're occupied as a home²² (see page 4).

Re-Assessment: (see page 8 for Initial Assessment) 57,798,005 (total living spaces needed) <u>minus</u> 18,500,000 (neglected properties used <u>wisely</u>) = 39,298,005 total living spaces needed to house population.

²⁰ Human Resources Department, County of Marin: http://www.marincounty.org/depts/hr/contact-us

²¹ California State Assessor-Recorder Forms: https://www.capropeforms.org/

^{22 &}quot;HOMESTEAD", Black's Law Dictionary: http://thelawdictionary.org/homestead/

Sections 323 & 325 of the CALIFORNIA CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE define "statutory requirements" for *two different scenarios* for "perfecting an adverse possession claim":

When claiming a title "founded upon a written instrument": 323. For the purpose of constituting an adverse possession by any person claiming a title founded upon a written instrument, or a judgment or decree, land is deemed to have been possessed and occupied in the following cases:

1. Where it has been usually cultivated or improved;

2. Where it has been protected by a substantial inclosure;

3. Where, although not inclosed, it has been used for the supply of fuel, or of fencing timber for the purposes of husbandry, or for pasturage, or for the ordinary use of the occupant;

4. Where a known farm or single lot has been partly improved, the portion of such farm or lot that may have been left not cleared, or not inclosed according to the usual course and custom of the adjoining country, shall be deemed to have been occupied for the same length of time as the part improved and cultivated.

When claiming a title "founded upon a written instrument":

325. (a) For the purpose of constituting an adverse possession by a person claiming title, not founded upon a written instrument, judgment, or decree, land is deemed to have been possessed and occupied in the following cases only:

- (1) Where it has been protected by a substantial enclosure.
- (2) Where it has been usually cultivated or improved.

(b) In no case shall adverse possession be considered established under the provision of any section of this code, unless it shall be shown that the land has been occupied and claimed for the period of five years continuously, and the party or persons, their predecessors and grantors, have timely paid all state, county, or municipal taxes that have been levied and assessed upon the land for the period of five years during which the land has been occupied and claimed. Payment of those taxes by the party or persons, their predecessors and grantors shall be established by certified records of the county tax collector.²³

²³ Official California Legislative Information, CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE sections 315-330: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=ccp&group=00001-01000&file=315-330

Donald Trump Endorsing The Use of Eminent Domain:



Watch one of several interviews of Donald Trump endorsing the use of Eminent Domain "when used to truly benefit the public": https://www.youtube.com/watch? time_continue=6&v=75Cd7oHG6pk

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The Homestead Subsidization Act; Part 2

"Give Rental Spaces To Tenants; Buy Out Landlords"

Summary:

Eminent Domain all Rental Spaces in order to provide Title Deeds to those Spaces to the Tenants; for all purposes, those spaces are considered the Tenants' Homestead. Section 8 will be re-allocated over a period of time in order to "Buy out Landlords" so that Landlords receive "the same amount they've received in rent" for the next 20 years. Once Landlords are bought out, U.S. Taxes will be reduced by more than \$20 Billion per Year via no longer having to pay for Section 8. Eventually Tenants who require more space may apply for a Land Grant for the purpose of Homesteading.

How Many Rental Spaces Are There?

There are 43,267,432 renter-occupied households, containing 110,175,847 residents²⁴, & 3,213,000 vacant rental units.²⁵ 43,267,432 (renter-occupied households) <u>plus</u> 3,213,000 (vacant rental spaces) = 46,480,432 total <u>rental</u> living spaces available.

Reassessment: 46,480,432 (total rental living spaces) <u>minus</u> 39,298,005 (total living spaces needed to house population) = we currently have ~7,182,427 more living spaces than is needed to house the U.S. population!

Renter occupied structures include:

- Single-Family Units: 15,194,827 households, containing 47,652,188 residents
- 2 to 4 Units: 7,777,641 households, containing 19,008,529 residents.
- 5 or More Units: 18,299,474 households, containing 37,831,895 residents.
- Mobile Homes: 1,955,026, containing 5,608,285 residents
- Other: 40,464 households, *containing 74950 residents*²⁶

Note: The <u>vague</u> category of "5 or More Units" <u>also</u> represents large complexes <u>and</u> "rental towns"— such as Stuyvesant Town-Peter Cooper Village²⁷ in New York City (right photo), which consists of 110 residential buildings & 11,250 apartments. In cases like these, generally all rent from <u>each</u> tenant is allocated to a single Title Holder's estate <u>every month</u>, while tenants are forced to run "rental treadmills" or become displaced!





24 National Multifamily Housing Council, *Quick Facts: Resident Demographics*2016: http://www.nmhc.org/Content.aspx?id=4708#Rent_and_Own
25Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, 2016: https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/ERENTUSQ176N

- 26 National Multifamily Housing Council, "Quick Facts: Resident Demographics": http://www.nmhc.org/Content.aspx?id=4708#Rent_and_Own
- 27 Stuyvesant Town-Peter Cooper Village: http://www.stuytown.com/

Getting To Know Your Circumstances:

Many owners of rental complexes have their accounts set up to "autopay" accountants, property managers, property taxes, and the bank account of *their estates* so that *they* don't actually have to "work" for their exorbitant monthly income. This has created a situation where *some* people are born into obscene wealth & have a vested interest in keeping people from getting ahead, while others are born into families who are essentially "rental slaves". Here's a diagram of *the power structure of rent*:



Title Deed Holder hires Property Managers, Accountants, etc. to receive "unearned income", often used AGAINST Tenants via influencing legislation which keeps them financially burdened. Tenants prevented from "living sustainably". **Title Holders** "hand down the estates" to their heirs, who "inherit the labor of the rental class", who "runs on treadmills".

Each occupied rental unit supplies the Title holder with ~\$500-2000 per month.



4 "Owned" Rental Properties.

Land Holdings:

10% of the population owns 82 percent of the real estate (and 81 percent of the stocks and 88 percent of the bonds), & the top 5% of landowners (not five percent of the total population) own 75% of <u>that</u> land!²⁸

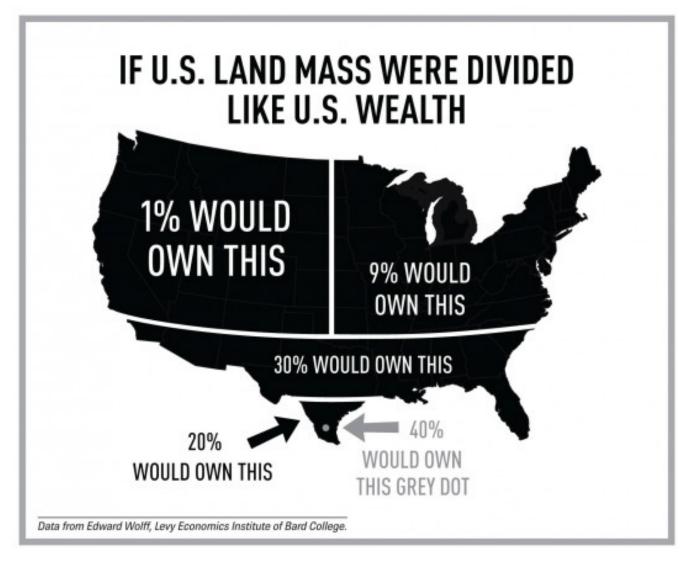


Photo from PSC Cuny, "Wealth, Wages and Inequality-- In Pictures": http://www.psccuny.org/clarion/december-2011/wealth-wages-and-inequality-pictures

^{28 &}quot;The Land Lords: Some Facts", National Council of State Housing Agencies study, *Federal Reserve Bank data in Left Business Observer, April 3, 1996, p. 5:* http://www.endgame.org/landlords-facts.html

10 Companies Own Nearly Every Major Product On The Market:²⁹



29 Business Insider: http://www.businessinsider.com/these-10-corporations-control-almost-everything-youbuy-2012-4

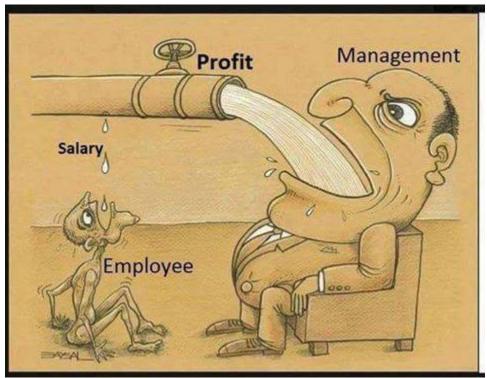
Gridlocking Forced Dependence:

In 2014 CEOs Earned ~355 times the amount the average employee earned.³⁰ In some places— *such as many fast food restaurants*— wealth inequality is more divided:



A billboard by The California Endowment (CalenDow.org) at the Cerrito Del Norte BART Station.

Because Most People Don't Have Anywhere To Legally Grow Food, We're Currently Forced To Depend On Money To Survive:



Political cartoon by Ercan Baysal on ToonPool.com: http://tr.toonpool.com/cartoons/Injustice 99368

30 "CEOs Make 335 Times What Workers Earn": http://time.com/money/4339078/ceo-pay-compare-workers/

<u>Rental Class</u> Kept In Perpetual State of Dependence:

- *Half* the tenants nationwide pay more than 30 percent of their actual income in *rent*.
- One in every *four* renting households spends *at least* 50 cents of every dollar they earn on rent.
- It's considered the worst time in 36 years to be a renter— the highest *cost* burden <u>recorded</u> by Zillow since they began tracking the figure in 1979.³¹
- Currently Tenants *usually* pay \$500-\$2000 per month in rent, while *Property Owners* only tend to pay \$500-\$2000 per year in Property Taxes *comparatively*.

Articles On Burdens Tenants Are Currently Enduring:

- "Low Mortgage Rates Are Great- But Most Can't Qualify" (Associated Press, September 9th, 2011)³²
- "More Americans Are Renting, and Paying More, as Homeownership Falls" by Dionne Searcey (New York Times, June 24, 2015)³³
- "Average San Francisco Rent Skyrockets to \$4,225 Per Month" by Robert Wilde (Breitbart, June 4, 2015)³⁴
- "Silicon Valley's Low-Income Renters Find Few Protections from Predatory Landlords" by Jennifer Wadsworth (San Jose Inside, March 14, 2016)³⁵
- "As Rental Prices Rise, Women Stay In Bad Relationships to Survive" by Helen Nianias³⁶
- "Debt, Mortgage, & The Law Merchant", <u>very informative</u> Biblical & post-Biblical European history of real estate customs being used to take peoples' land & homes, by Christ's Lawful Assembly.³⁷

http://thinkprogress.org/economy/2015/08/13/3691430/zillow-median-renter-report/

32 http://realestate.aol.com/blog/2011/09/09/low-mortgage-rates-are-great-but-most-cant-qualify/

37 http://www.ecclesia.org/truth/debt.html

Note: Visit your local Assessor's office to research how much the annual fee for property taxes is at the address where <u>you</u> live.

³¹ Zillow (real estate firm), "Median Renter Report:

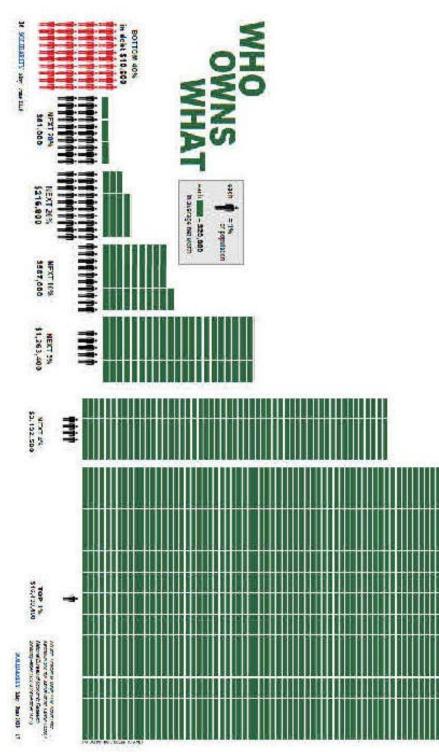
³³ http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/24/business/economy/more-americans-are-renting-and-paying-more-as-homeownership-falls.html?_r=0

³⁴ http://www.breitbart.com/california/2015/06/04/median-san-francisco-rent-skyrockets-to-4225-per-month/

³⁵ http://www.sanjoseinside.com/2015/09/16/silicon-valleys-low-income-renters-find-few-protections-from-predatory-landlords/

³⁶ https://broadly.vice.com/en_us/article/as-rental-prices-rise-women-stay-in-bad-relationships-to-survive

Wealth Inequality, In A Chart:



38 Chart from *Harvard Data Science:* http://harvarddatascience.com/2013/05/01/critique-of-an-interactive-visualization-wealth-inequality-in-america/

How The Nation is Suffering from "Too Much Rent":

• There is no production of resources (no generation of GDP) through paying rent; the same money used to pay rent could instead be used to help families live sustainably & get ahead in life. A "rent-dependent society" bogs ALL of us down & keeps us ALL from getting ahead via keeping our nation "strapped in debt" while GDP that IS produced by our nation's labor force is usurped by business owners who give "tax-deductible donations" to avoid paying taxes, thus preventing the U.S. from being able to pay off its debt or from meeting the needs of Citizens. Instead of working for a government "by & for the people", we're being forced instead to work to create a large profit for a few individuals.

Landlords & Property Managers often create Arbitrary & Capricious³⁹ rules & regulations which *increase the cost of living for tenants* by preventing them from being able to live sustainably—*growing food, composting, getting solar panels, improving building insulation, etc.* These typical & oppressive policies are destructive to the environment, ecosystems, & families in general, whereby they subversively force the family's dependence upon the commercial system in a way which abrogates their access to Constitutional Common Law⁴⁰(which <u>also</u> protects a person's "right to homestead").

How Part 2 of The Homestead Subsidization Act works:

- 1. Eminent Domain⁴¹ All Rental Spaces
- 2. Give Title Deeds to The Spaces To Tenants
- 3. Re-Allocate "the \$20 billion per year" we *currently* spend on Section 8 to "buy out landlords"; landlords receive same amount they *currently* receive for next 20 years. "20 years" gives landlords & society enough time to make smooth transition.
- 4. After landlords are bought out, taxes will reduce by more than \$20 billion per year.
- 5. By <u>not</u> having to come up with \$500-2000+ each month for rent, that money can <u>instead</u> be used to improve their living space & live more sustainably.

³⁹ U.S. Federal Courts *Scope of Review*, evaluation process for determining if an ordinance, statute, rule, custom, is "arbitrary & capricious":

http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/uploads/guides/stand_of_review/IV_Review_AD.html

⁴⁰ Learn about "the 3 jurisdictions covered by Constitutional Law": www.ReUniteTheStates.org

^{41 &}quot;The act of taking private property for public good": http://thelawdictionary.org/eminent-domain/

Notice

It has come to our attention that many landlords treat their tenants *wonderfully!* <u>However</u> it is also true that while "slavery has ended in America", in many places throughout the country, charging rent is being used just like slavery. Many tenants are having their rights violated by landlords who are not upholding the law, & "local politics" have seemed to trump "the law of the land" when it comes to landlord responsibilities & respecting tenant rights & human dignity. <u>Many people</u> have every little bit of surplus they earn extorted from their funds because so-called "landlords" know that officers will side with them, <u>AND</u> that "when given the option between coming up with rent or becoming homeless"— <u>most</u> will choose to pay rent.

WHEN THE ENTIRETY OF YOUR EARNINGS ARE EXHAUSTED ON FOOD AND SHELTER, ^YOUR LABORS ARE NO LONGER VIEWED AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT, BUT RATHER AS AN ACT OF SELF-PRESERVATION. IN THE REAL WORLD, THAT'S CALLEDSLAVERY



Our stance is that "even where landlording is being done appropriately (according to current laws), it must be abolished". Rent <u>is</u> slavery, & today is an unneeded user service. A person should <u>not</u> have to pay \$500-\$1,000 per month to another person so that "when the plumbing breaks down the landlord will call the plumber"; people can call their own plumbers, electricians, & pay their <u>own</u> property taxes; <u>not paying rent</u> will save most Americans thousands of dollars per year. U.S. Title Deeds were all forged unconstitutionally; there is no signed contract with the local Native American nation attached to the deeds, & even when there is it was a case of extortion. Let us recognize & honor <u>the truth</u>. Let <u>real</u> freedom ring!!

Logistics:

"Eminent Domain"⁴² will be utilized to "*Take* All Rental Spaces" & "Give *New* Title Deeds to the Rental Spaces to the Tenants who <u>inhabit</u> those spaces" via "Re-Allocating the \$20 Billion per Year (plus State <u>and</u> local subsidies) we currently spend via taxes to fund Section 8" in order to "Buy Out Landlords" so they'll receive "the same amount they currently receive from *rent* for the next 20 years". *This* gives us a strategy to *eventually* "reduce taxes by over \$20 billion per year" in a way that won't cause economic collapse, whereas currently there <u>is no plan</u> to get off our perpetual dependence on "paying for Section 8" <u>and</u> the unsustainable living conditions that come with it. Along with their "Title Deeds to their spaces", Tenants will receive a copy of their "Rights & Responsibilities" as new owners, (i.e. code compliance, property taxes, etc.) <u>and</u> they will be allocated heirloom seeds & educational materials to help them live "as abundantly & independent as possible" from where they're at. The money saved by tenants (from not paying rent) can be used to fix up their spaces & live sustainably.



Mathew 5:5, photo graphic from "Militia of the Imaculata": http://consecration.ca/2015/12/week-18-blessed-are-the-meek-forthey-shall-inherit-the-earth/

^{42 &}quot;the right of the people or government to take private property for public use": http://thelawdictionary.org/eminent-domain/